

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, September 2017 is the 27<sup>th</sup> year of National Recovery Month, Join the Voices for Recovery: Strengthen Families and Communities; and,

*Whereas*, Recovery is a process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live self-directed lives, and strive to reach their fullest potential; and,

*Whereas*, By celebrating the achievements of individuals who have reclaimed their lives in recovery and honoring providers who make recovery possible, we can help reduce stigma associated with treatment; and,

*Whereas*, Education of substance use disorder treatment and mental health services available in South Dakota is vital; and,

*Whereas*, Through prevention efforts and treatment services, recovery is possible; and,

*Whereas*, Resources and information are provided on how to prevent behavioral health problems, recognize the signs of a disorder, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and,

*Whereas*, Awareness and understanding of mental health and substance use disorders are increased by sharing stories and making personal connections through communities, families, and individuals who have lived experiences and have found recovery:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2017 as

## *NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Shantel Krebs*  
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State